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Gov. Scott Announces Project to Complete the Widening of Interstate 75 from Florida-Georgia Border to Southwest Florida

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Today, Governor Rick Scott announced that the final segment of Interstate 75 widening from the Florida-Georgia border to Southwest Florida will begin construction in 2018. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will provide more than \$58 million in funding to widen Interstate 75 from four to six-lanes south of Jones Loop Road to US 17 in Charlotte County.

Governor Scott said, "The Interstate 75 widening project will help ease traffic flow and keep families and visitors safe as they travel through our state. Florida is growing, and have reached a record 20 million residents and over 100 million tourists. That is why we have provided historic funding for the Department of Transportation for three consecutive years, and we will continue to make important investments in our world class transportation system so we can safely welcome even more families and job creators to our state."

FDOT Secretary Jim Boxold said, "The project completes the department's commitment to widen Interstate 75 to six-lanes from the Florida-Georgia border to southwest Florida. This major highway improvement will make a real difference for Florida's residents and visitors."

FDOT's investment in widening this final segment of Interstate 75 continues to show the department's commitment to increasing safety and efficiency for Florida's travelling public.

Senator Bill Galvano said, "As the Punta Gorda Airport continues to grow and add more flights and destinations, improvements like this I-75 widening are vital to ensuring that our residents and visitors begin and end their trips as safely and efficiently as possible."

Senator Nancy Detert said, "Widening the Interstate to six lanes from Alligator Alley to the Florida-Georgia border is a major accomplishment for Florida and will continue to make us an even more attractive destination for our residents, visitors, and businesses."

Representative Ken Roberson said, "As a resident of Charlotte County, I am excited that Governor Scott and FDOT will be widening this final portion of I-75 in Punta

Gorda. This is an important step forward in the continued growth of the area and will be a great benefit to our residents and visitors.”

Representative Dane Eagle said, “Connecting our ports - Port of Miami, Port Manatee, and the Port of Tampa, to name a few - to the rest of the state with a six lane highway will continue to make them even more attractive to international clients and will help bring Florida even more business from throughout the world.”

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